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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/086,873
Applicants: Katsuhisa INOUE, et al.
Filing Date: March 4, 2002
For: HAIR COSMETIC, AMINOCARBOXYLIC ACID
AMIDE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME
Group Art Unit: 1617
Examiner: YU, G. C.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Requirement for Restriction (3 pp.)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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In response to the Official Action of July 1, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a hair composition.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a hair composition;

Group II: Claims 6-10, drawn to a method of making an amine compound; and

Group III: Claims 11-15, drawn to an amine compound.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct. The burden of proof is on the Office to provide reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion with regard to patentable distinctness. MPEP §803.

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